

Petersburg Office & Garage
107 Fram Street
Petersburg
Alaska

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PETERSBURG OFFICE AND GARAGE

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Location: 107 Fram Street (northwest corner of Fram and First Streets) Petersburg, Fairbanks-North Star Division, Alaska

Present Owner: City of Petersburg

Significance : The Petersburg Forest Service Office and Garage is significant for its historical association with New Deal Relief Programs of the Great Depression and is representative of the involvement of the Federal Government in the Territory of Alaska. The Petersburg Office and Garage was the first federally owned and operated complex in the City of Petersburg. The funds for the purchase of the building site and for the construction of the complex were provided by The Emergency Relief Act with supplemental moneys provided by the fund for Forest Road Development. The preparation of the building site and the actual construction was done by locally hired members of The Civilian Conservation Corps. With the exception of limited remodeling of the garage door and face, the complex maintains its original structural integrity.

PART I: HISTORICAL INFORMATION:

A. Physical History:

1. Date of Erection: Original architectural plans dated 5/1/37; "New Forest Service Buildings... nearing completion" September 10, 1937 edition, Petersburg Press [12(10):5]
2. Architect: Mr. W.A. Manley
3. Owners: USDA Forest Service: The building site was purchased by the Forest Service in 1936 from James H. Wheeler.
4. Builder: USDA, Forest Service with labor provided by locally hired members of The Civilian Conservation Corps.
5. Original Plans: See architects plans
6. Alterations and Additions:

a. Addition of incandescent and fluorescent lighting: Date Unknown

b. The original garage doors, two suspended wooden doors with single pane division glass windows, were replaced by single eight foot metal garage door at unknown date.

c. In February 1986 the 14' radio tower was removed from the garage roof.

B. Historical Context:

The complex was constructed in 1937 by The CCC with funds from The ERA and The FRD on a 5000 sq. ft. parcel of land purchased for \$650 from James H. Wheeler by the US Forest Service. The office was shared by the Forest Service, Customs Agent, and the Clerk of the Territorial Court until the memoranda of agreement on the joint usage of the complex expired in 1957. The structure was then used exclusively by the Forest Service District Ranger and his support staff. In 1977 the office housed the FM radio-dispatcher, electronics shop, dark room, and soil hydration laboratory. At a latter unknown date safety officer/air operations/fleet manager utilized available space. The office was closed in April 1985 but the garage was used as a warehouse by the Forest Service maintenance crew, until it was turned over to the City of Petersburg on September 16, 1987.

Part II: ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION:

A. General Information:

1. Architectural Character: The complex, described by the US Forest Service as "Colonial Revival", consists of two square flat-roofed buildings located on a rectangular lot that slopes away from the corner of Fram and First Streets. The two-story office has a split level foyer with the first level partly below the grade of the street with concrete walls. (See appendix for details)
2. Condition of Fabric: The complex is in good condition.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: The complex consists of two

separate buildings, the office and the garage, with a approximate gross area of 1,344 sq. ft.. The office is a 24'x 28' two-story building with an overall height of 22'. The garage is 24'x24'.

2. Foundations: The foundation under each building is poured cement.
3. Walls: The exterior walls of both buildings are constructed of 1'x8' beveled siding over building paper and shiplap.
4. Structural system, framing: Both buildings are framed with 2'x4' studs. (See appendix for details)
5. Openings:
 - a. Doors and doorways: The front entry to the office is in the southeast corner of the building. The two panel door, solid bottom panel with nine panel upper panel, is flanked by squared doric columns and topped by a four panel glass transom and a semi-circular wooden arch with copper flashing. Originally the garage had two suspended wooden doors with single pane double division glass windows. These have been replaced by a single eight foot overhead metal door. (See appendix for details)
6. Windows: The windows in the office are single pane, wood frame, single hung, two sash, double division with copper flashing. The windows in the garage are single light, awning windows with wood frames. (See appendix for details)
7. Roof: The roofs of both buildings are flat, built up (low pitch) covered with shiplap and tar.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor Plans: See appendix for exact dimensions
2. Stairways: The garage and the office building are connected by a wooden stairway between the two roofs. The stairway is accessed by a metal ladder permanently attached to the side of the garage.
3. Wall and Ceilings: The walls of the office are plaster over metal mesh with limited areas of wood

paneling. The interior walls in the garage are eight-inch tongue and groove with some areas of unfinished plywood. The ceiling in the garage is two inch-tongue and groove.

4. Mechanical Equipment:

a. Heating: The complex is heated by an oil fired radiator with baseboards.

b. Lighting: The complex is lighted by fluorescent and incandescent lighting.

D. Site:

1. General Setting and Orientation:

The complex is located on a 50'x 100' rectangular lot that sits north south. The lot slopes to the west away from the street corner. The office faces south with the garage located to the rear.

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

A. Original Architectural Drawings:

Copies are appended

Archives and Manuscripts
University of Alaska Anchorage
3211 Providence Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99504

B. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

a. Primary & Unpublished Sources:

USDA Forest Service
1986 "National Register of Historic Places,
Request for Determination of Eligibility";
Petersburg Office & Garage; Robert E. Lynn; State
of Alaska; Office of History and Archaeology;
Anchorage, Alaska.

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PART IV:

This HABS mitigation was made necessary by the conveyance of the land on which the Petersburg Office & Garage is situated to the City of Petersburg by the USDA, Forest Service.

Petersburg Office and Garage

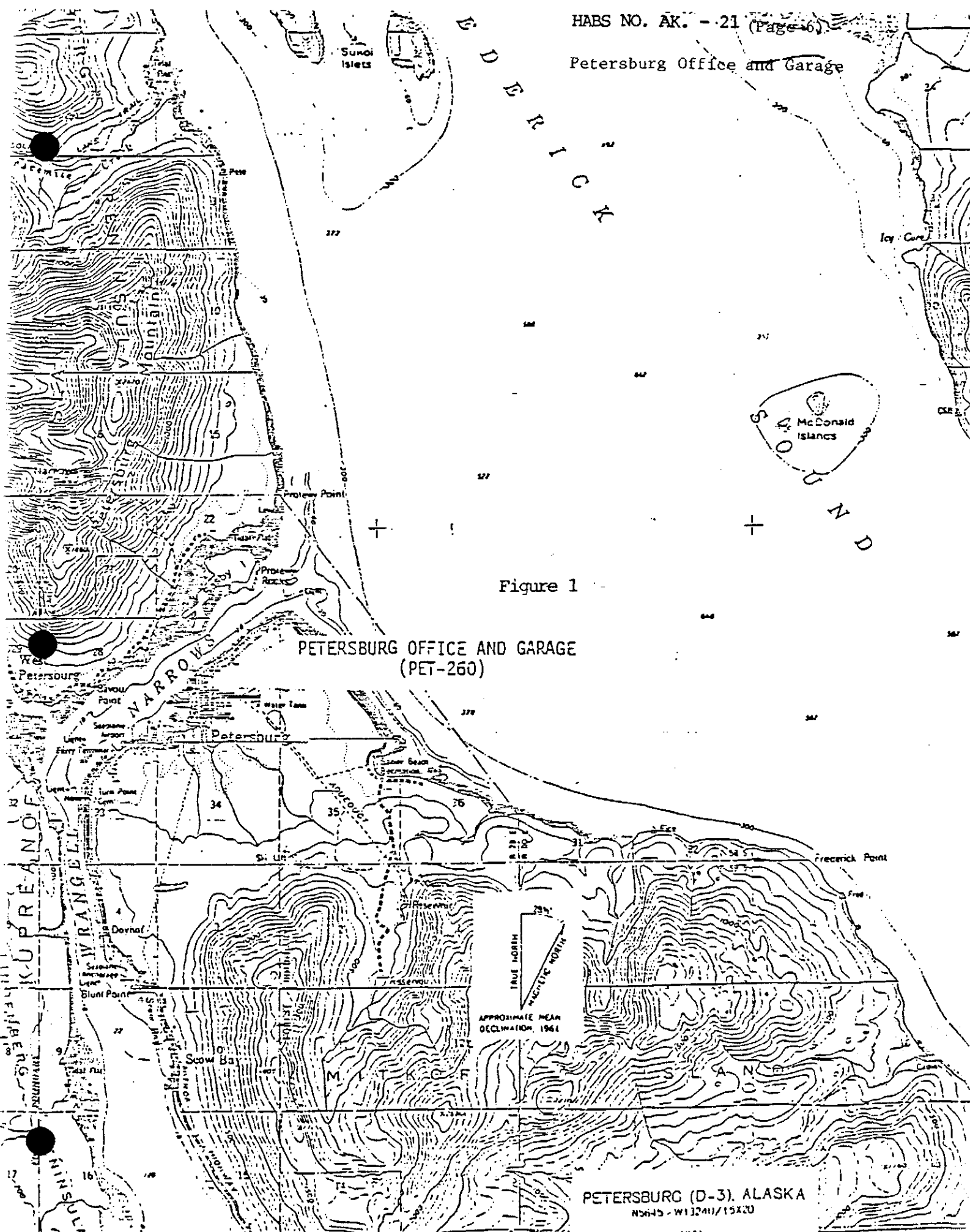
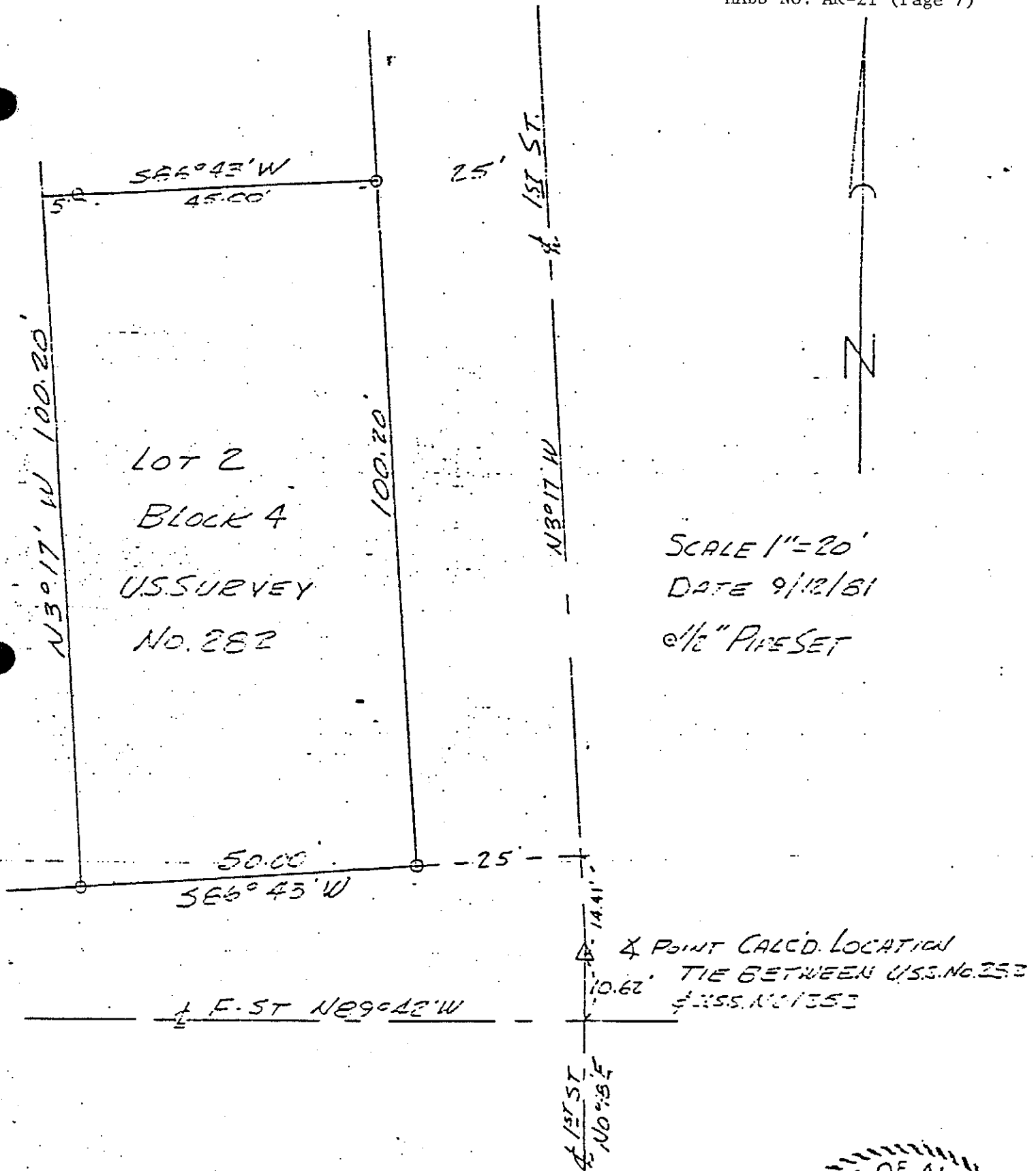


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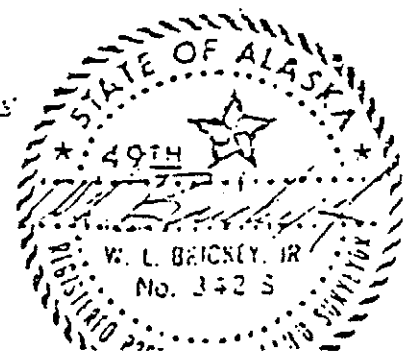
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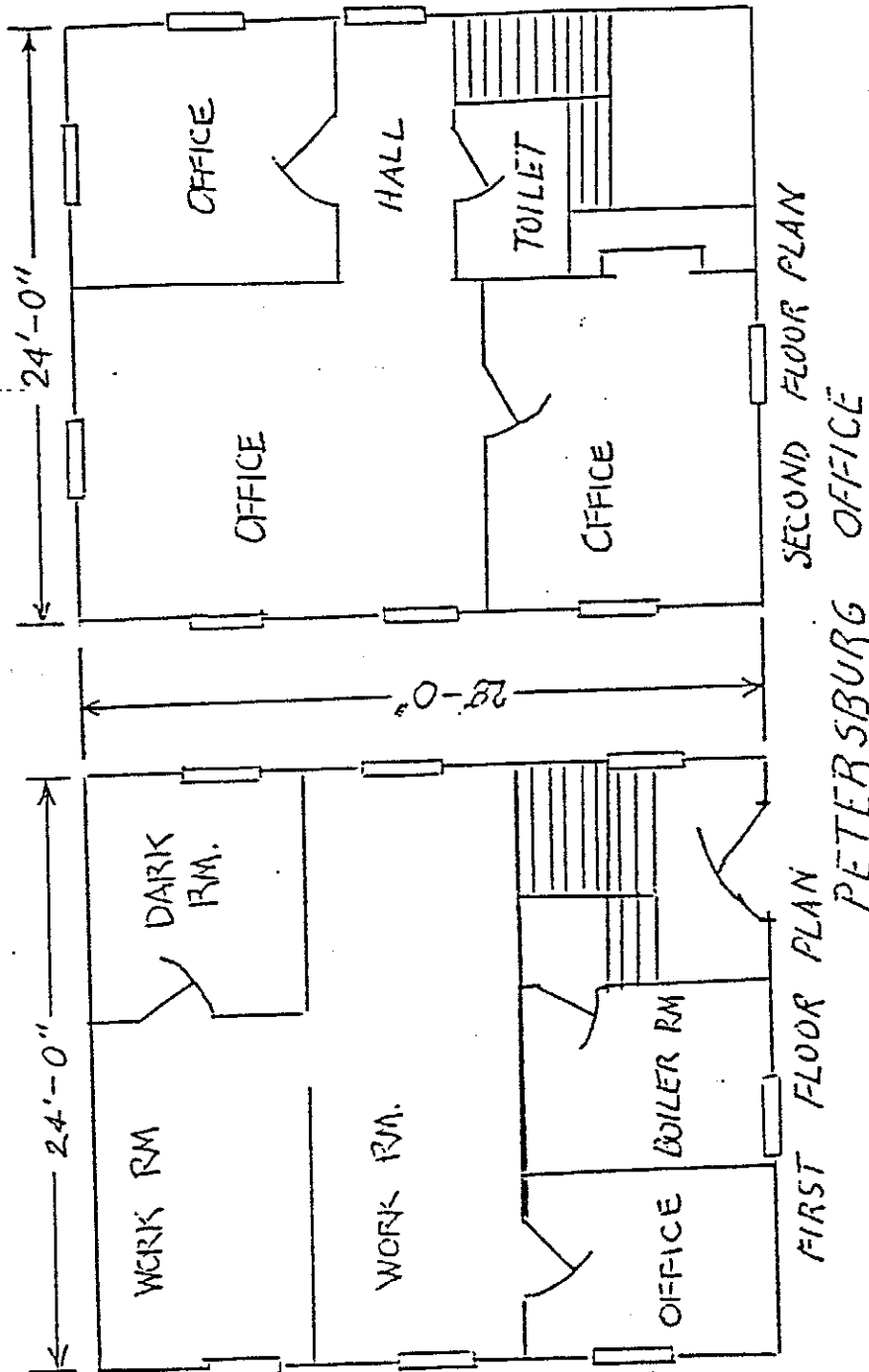
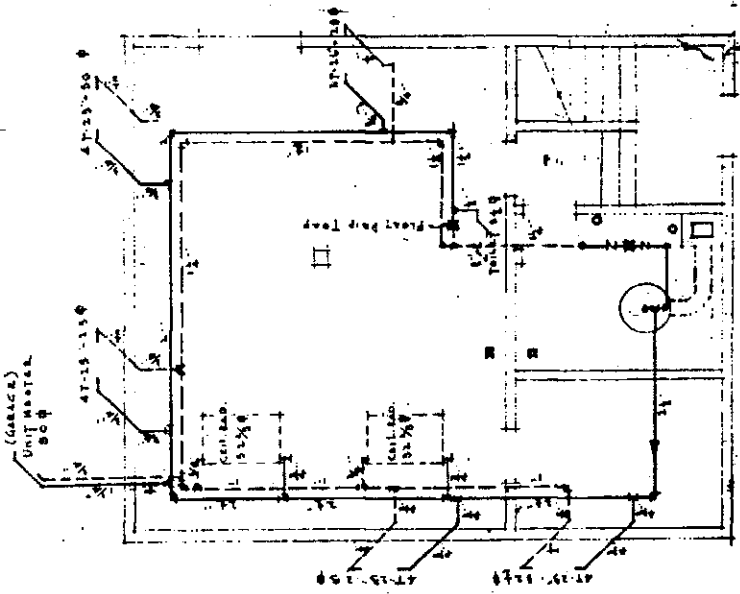
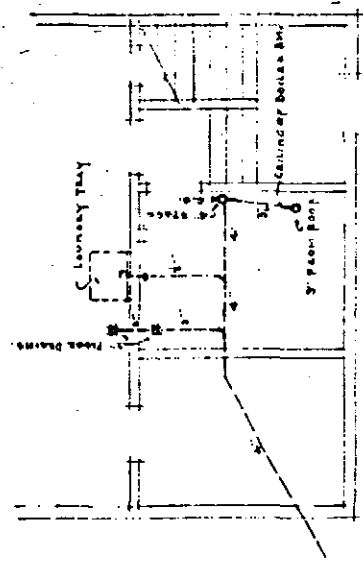


Figure 3



HEATING LAYOUT
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DRAIN DIAGRAM
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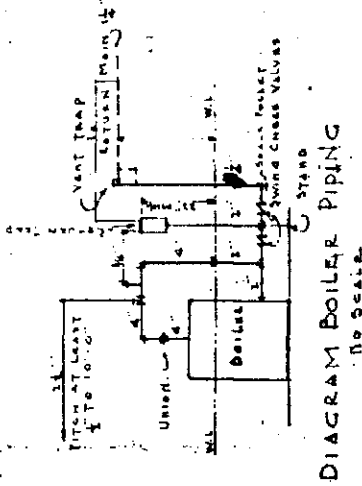
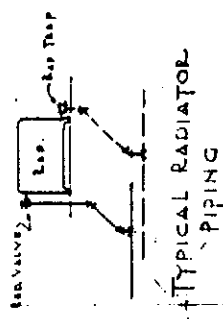
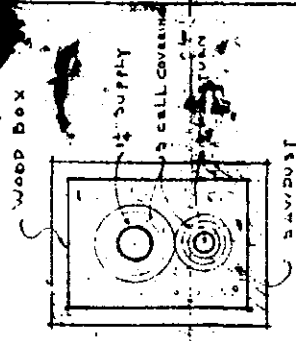


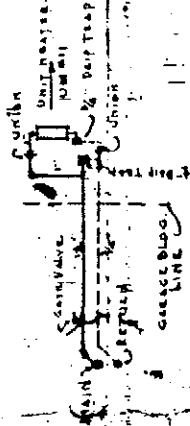
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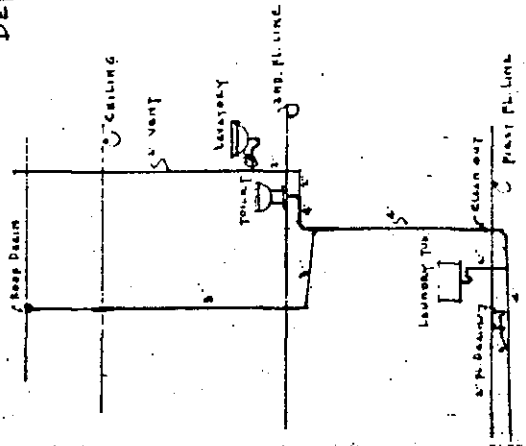
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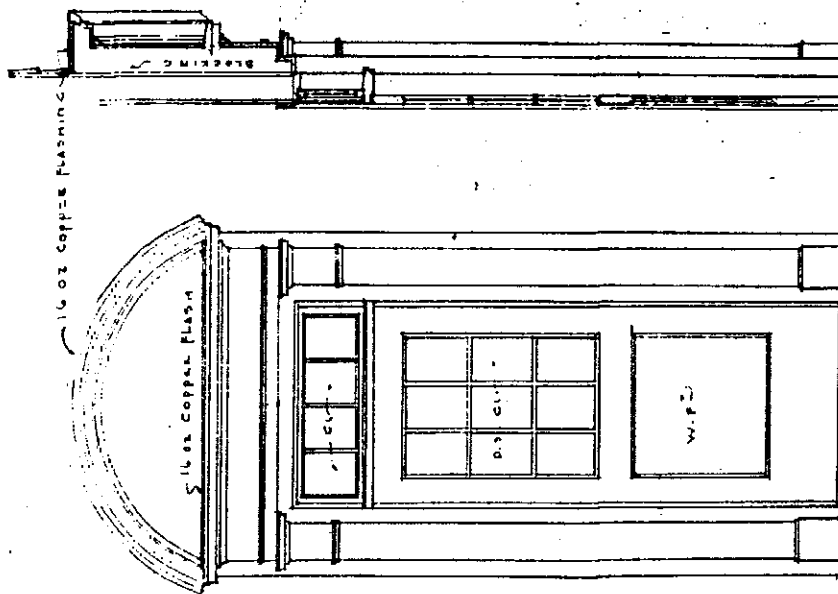


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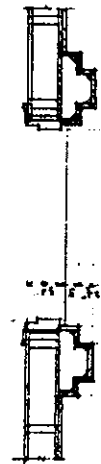
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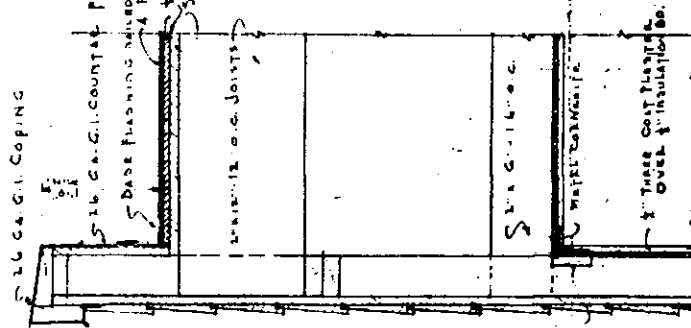
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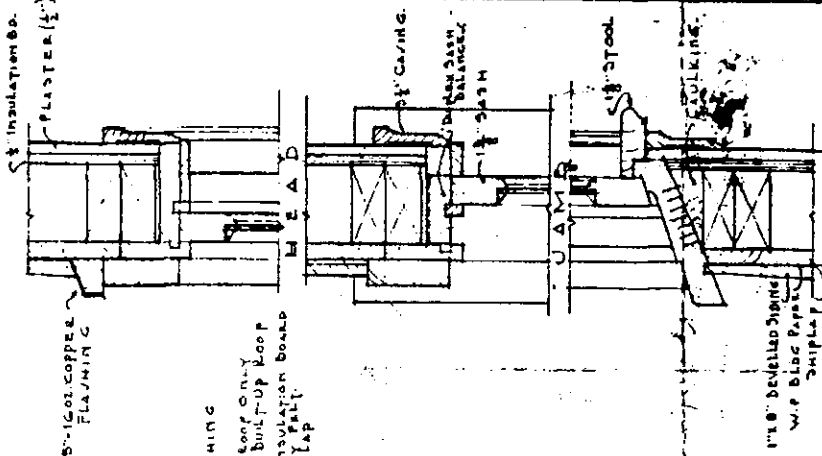


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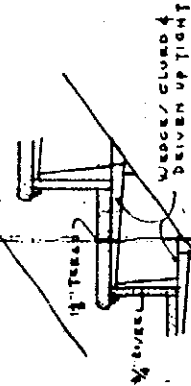
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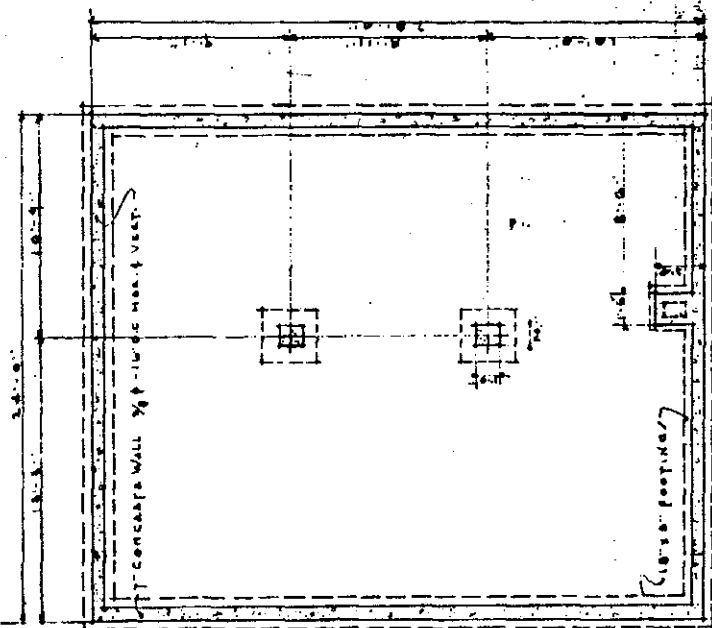


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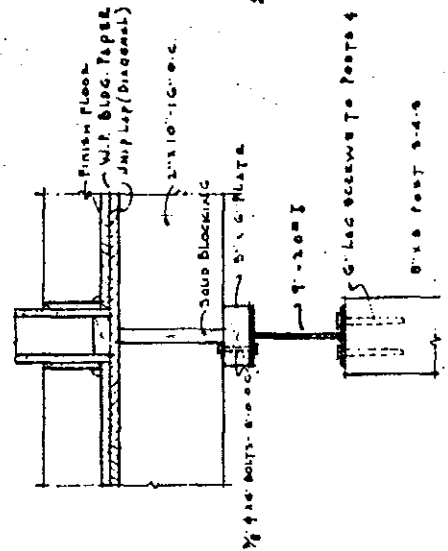
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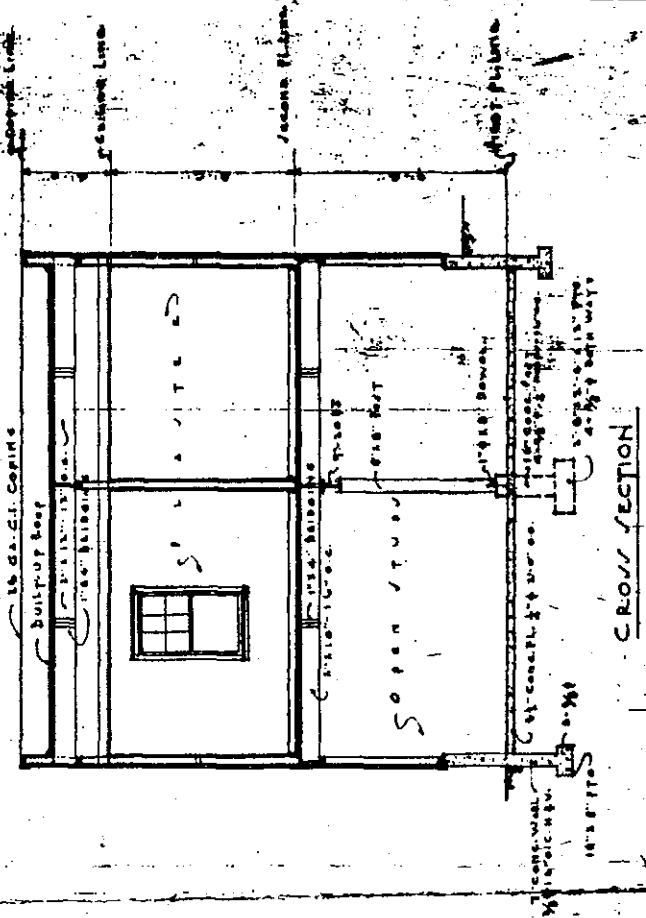
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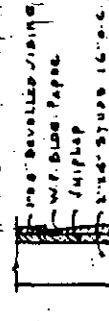
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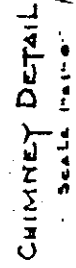
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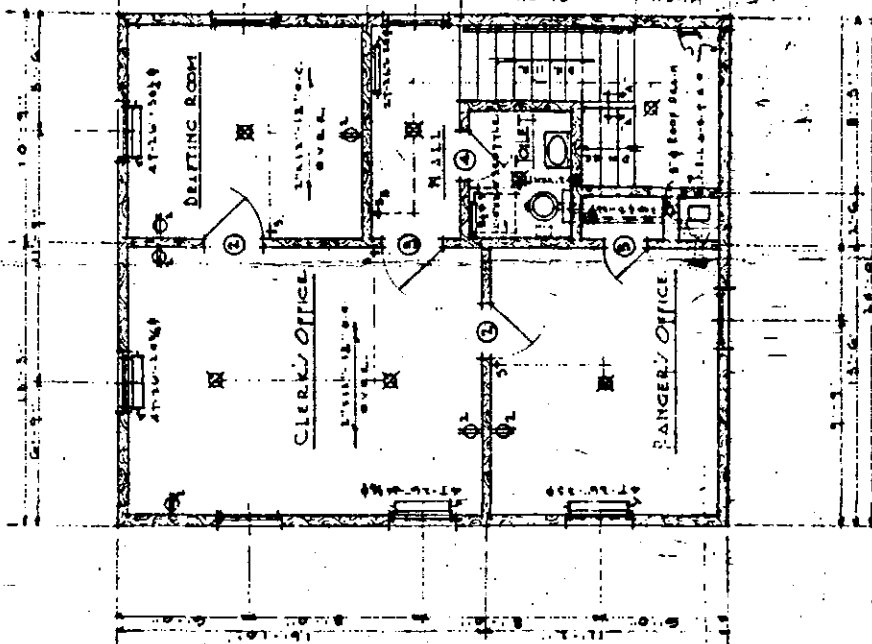


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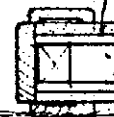


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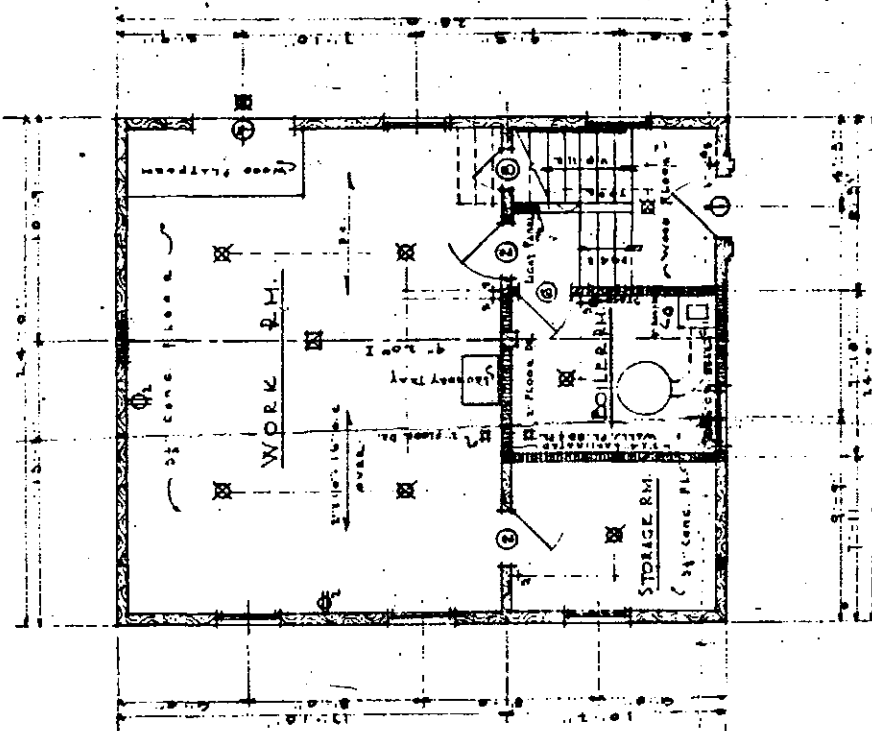
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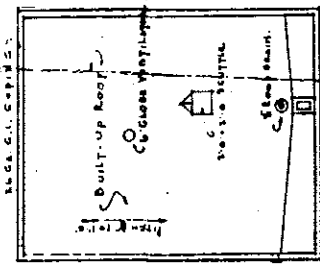
• SECOND FLOOR PLAN •



SECTION A-A



F: 2nd FLOOR PLAN



ROOF PLAN

DOOR		SCHEDULE	
No.	SIZE	DESCRIPTION	
1	3'-2" x 7'-0" x 1 1/2"	2nd ELEVATION	
2	2'-10" x 6'-8" x 1 1/2"	Two Panel Wood - 1st	
3	2'-10" x 6'-8" x 1 1/2"	Two Panel, V.P. CHIPPED B.C. 1st	
4	2'-4" x 6'-8" x 1 1/2"	Two Panel Wood - 1st	
5	2'-4" x 6'-8" x 1 1/2"	
6	2'-10" x 6'-8" x 1 1/2"	2 Panel, one side metal clad	
7	3'-0" x 4'-4" x 1 1/2"	3 Panel, one side 1 Panel, wood	
8	3'-0" x 4'-4" x 1 1/2"	1 Panel Wood - 1st	

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